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### WHAT THE WRITING CENTER WILL DO:

- Assist students in understanding the assignment & professor's expectations.
- Help students in **brainstorming, planning, and/or organizing ideas** for a writing assignment.
- Teach students how to **construct a thesis statement**, topic sentence, and/or determine the focus of the paper.
- Assist students in **developing supporting ideas** and connecting those ideas to the main idea, or thesis statement.
- Teach students proper **citation** methods, whether MLA, APA, or Chicago formatting is required.
- Encourage students' ownership of the paper, the ideas contained in the paper, and development of the student's ability to **revise** independently.

### WHAT THE WRITING CENTER WILL NOT DO:

- Tutors will not write the paper for the student.
- Tutors will not proofread and/or edit the paper.
- Tutors will not judge the paper, according to grade.
- Tutors cannot guarantee a quick "fix" for student's writing problem.

### RESOURCES:

[Documentation Style Sheets](#)

[SCC Writing Center Powerpoint](#)

### SUMMER 2014 WORKSHOPS (BY CAMPUS):

[Spring Creek](#)

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### Spring Creek Campus, Plano

Room D-203: (972) 881-5843  
Monday-Thursday: 8 to 8  
Friday-Saturday: 8 to 5

### WALK IN HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 12 to 5

### Central Park Campus, McKinney

Room A-104: (972) 548-6857  
Monday-Thursday: 10 to 6

### Preston Ridge Campus, Frisco

Room L-213: (972) 377-1576  
Monday-Friday: 9 to 6



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Welcome to the Online Writing Lab! If you're a current student of Collin College and need help with your writing, you've come to the right place.

Select a link on the right menu to access online tutoring. Before choosing a link, please review the information below so you can pick the resource most appropriate for your needs.

#### WHAT THE OWL WILL DO:

- Dropbox will teach students how to construct a thesis statement, topic sentence, and/or determine the focus of the paper.
- Dropbox will assist students in developing supporting ideas and connecting these ideas to the main idea, or thesis statement.
- Dropbox will determine cohesiveness of the paper, holistically, and suggest ways to improve sentence structure and/or the connection of ideas.
- TutorText will answer quick questions pertaining to topics such as MLA, grammar, structure, and main ideas (thesis sentence and/or topic sentences). Please see Sample TutorText Questions (PDF) for further examples of how TutorText may be used.
- VirtualTutor may assist students in understanding the assignment and/or brainstorming, planning, and/or organizing ideas for a writing assignment in a virtual tutoring session.
- VirtualTutor may teach students how to construct a thesis statement, topic sentence, and/or determine the focus of the paper via a virtual tutoring session.
- VirtualTutor may teach students proper citation methods, whether MLA, APA, or Chicago formatting is required, during a virtual tutoring session.

#### WHAT THE OWL WILL NOT DO:

- Dropbox and VirtualTutor will not write the paper for the student and/or proofread or edit the paper.
- Dropbox and VirtualTutor will not judge or grade the student's essay.
- Dropbox and VirtualTutor will not guarantee a quick "fix" for a student's writing problem.
- TutorText will not review complete drafts of essays or portions of essays larger than one paragraph.
- TutorText will not answer questions related to brainstorming, organization, or planning for a writing assignment.

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## GATEWAYS TO LEARNING

**DropBOX**

[72 Hour Turnaround!](#)

**TutorText**

**Hours:**  
Sun. 1-5  
Mon- Thurs. 4-8

[Chat with a Tutor](#)

[Sample TutorText Questions](#)

**VirtualTutor**

**Coming Soon:**

**LIVETIME TUTORING!**

## Online Writing Tutor Required Information

Name (First Name AND Last name):

Your Cougarmail E-mail Address  
(Example: [AStudent1@cougarmail.collin.edu](mailto:AStudent1@cougarmail.collin.edu)):

Please proofread your address.  
If you type an incorrect address,  
you will not receive a response from OWL.

Student CWID#:

Year in School: Freshman

Are you a student at Collin College? Yes

Is this the first time you have used the Online Writing Lab? Yes

Course Number (Example: ENGL 1301):

Primary Campus: Select Campus

Instructor's full name & E-mail address  
(Example: Shirley McBride / [SMcBride@collin.edu](mailto:SMcBride@collin.edu)):

What is the assignment you are working on? Please be as detailed as you can. If possible, type in your assignment as given to you by your instructor (Ex. Narrative, Research, College Application, etc.)

When is your assignment DUE (Allow at least **5 days** for your review)?

How far along are you with this paper? Just getting started

As we do not proofread essays before they are submitted for grades, we need more input about specific concerns. Based on previously graded submissions, what specific concerns did your instructor wish you to address in this draft? List additional areas of concern below (i.e. help with thesis, introduction, conclusion):

Type or paste your draft in the space below:

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